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RODEO QUEEN . . . Seventeen-year-old Janice Lasseigne was selected as queen of the Rancho Days Rodeo Friday afternoon when ticket sales were tabulated. She will reign over the rodeo festivities, scheduled next Saturday and Sunday at the Del Amo Center. Queen Janice is pictured with Art Harkness of the Torrance Mounted Police following her selection Friday. Princesses will be Susan Edland and Peggy Martin. Miss Lasseigne was sponsored by Aloha Star and Palos Verdes Bowl. The horse, for the record, is Henry. (Press-Herald Photo)

Norwalk Woman Year's Ninth Traffic Victim

Hughes Starts Plant

Industrial construction—including a \$2.5 million research and development plant for Hughes Aircraft Co.—pushed Torrance building activity close to the \$4 million mark in July.

John J. McKinnon, superintendent of building and safety for the city, in a report just issued, said the value of new construction during the month was \$3,954,970. A total of 238 permits were issued.

The July figures brought to \$16.7 million the value of new construction begun in the city since Jan. 1 of this year. That compares with \$16.6 million for the same period in 1964.

One permit, issued for the Hughes plant in the name of the Potomac Realty Corp., accounted for about 60 per cent of the total value. The Hughes permit was valued at \$2,582,200. The new facility is located at 3100 Lomita Blvd.

An additional \$100,000 in new industrial construction also was logged during the month and commercial construction was valued at nearly \$500,000—including a \$200,000 permit issued for an I. Magnin store at 21450 Hawthorne Blvd.

For the first time this year, no new homes were reported under construction in the city. Home construction has been slow—with only 122 reported in the first six months of the year. Thirty-two new apartment units were included in the (Continued on Page A-3)



MAD HATTERS . . . What started as a reading lesson for third graders at Arlington School this summer turned into a hat contest. The class decided to create their own hats after reading "The Most Hat of All." Results were shown during a school assembly. Winners were (from left) Carolyn Nambu, most beautiful; Greg Clayton, boys' "most hat of all"; Brian Brammer, funniest; Maryann Coons, most original, and Laura Shodall, girls' "most hat of all."

Husband Injured In Crash

A Norwalk woman became this city's ninth traffic victim of the year Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Margaret Ellen Thompson, 61, died shortly after 3 p.m. Thursday at Little Company of Mary Hospital. The cause of death was listed as massive head injuries which she sustained in a traffic accident about 1:30 p.m. Thursday.

Torrance Police said the accident occurred at Van Ness Avenue and Artesia Boulevard when Vivian C. Thompson, 56, husband of the dead woman, apparently failed to yield the right-of-way to an oncoming car.

OFFICERS said Thompson, driving west on Artesia Boulevard, was making a left turn onto Van Ness Avenue when he was struck broadside by a car driven by Waldo W. Weikirk, 56, of Beverly Hills.

The impact turned the Thompson vehicle around, causing it to strike a third car. Driver of the third car, who suffered no injuries, was Mrs. Marilyn Gene Thompson, of 2209 W. 170th St. Police said the two Thompsons are not related.

Weikirk, who sustained minor injuries in the accident, told police he tried to stop when he saw the vehicle turning in front of him. When he applied the brakes, he told officers, the wheels locked and he skidded into the vehicle.

VIVIAN THOMPSON was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital. He sustained three broken ribs and multiple bruises on both legs. He was reported in fair condition yesterday.

The cars belonging to Weikirk and Vivian Thompson were a total loss, police said. (Continued on Page A-3)

Sheriff May Open Lomita Substation

Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess raised the possibility of a new substation, to be located in Lomita, Thursday during a luncheon meeting with Lomita officials.

Pitchess told the group he

Short Trip Costs Him \$850 More

Theft of \$850 in cash from a desk drawer in his home was reported to Torrance police Friday by Anthony Trutanich of 20556 Osage Ave.

Trutanich told police the theft occurred July 30 or 31 while he was away on vacation.

Police said the burglar apparently removed a screen from a bedroom window to enter the home. Trutanich said the money—in \$100 and \$50 bills—was in a desk drawer.

A wedding ring set and a coin collection were taken from the apartment of Robert F. Noble, 4312 W. 180th St., Thursday evening or Friday.

Police said the burglar may have had a key to the apartment.

Noble reported the theft of the ring set, valued at \$340, and \$100 in U. S. coins. He also said several dollar bills which were part of a collection were taken.

Auto Stereo Sets Taken

Stereo tape players were taken from two automobiles Friday according to reports made to the Torrance Police Department.

Victor McDonnell, 20, of 4138 Redondo Beach Blvd., told police someone took a tape player from his car while it was parked in a garage adjacent to his apartment. He said the stereo set was worth \$124.

wanted to "establish better communications" with the citizens of Lomita and said he believes a new sheriff's substation is "one way to do it."

Al Labass was named by Pitchess to be his representative in the Lomita area. Labass also will be Pitchess' press representative in Lomita.

Race relations still constitute his department's primary problem, Pitchess told the group. He does not agree, however, with talk that there will be riot every time there is a holiday, Pitchess declared.

The sheriff's department is

better prepared to contend with riots since the Watts Riots of last August, Pitchess said, because the department knows what to expect and is ready to stop them before they get started.

But, Pitchess declared, "the police are not a military force and must work within the limits of their authority."

The sheriff warned that his department is not manned fully and said more than 125 men have left the sheriff's department in the past six months. Only 25 per cent of his requests for more personnel have been granted by the Board of Supervisors, the sheriff said.



TO SURVEY CONGO . . . Mrs. Joanne Carlson of 3610 Carson St., widow of the late Dr. Paul Carlson who was killed by Congolese rebels in November, 1964, boards a jet at New York's John F. Kennedy Airport for a trip to the Congo. She is accompanied by Dwight Carlson (right) of 21402 Budlong Ave., a

doctor and brother of the slain missionary, and Arthur Knudsen. The trio will survey the area around Stanleyville—now Kisangani—in the Congo for a site to establish a clinic. The operations of the clinic will be financed by a foundation which is headed by Knudsen.

Young Bandit Robs Area Liquor Store

Two youthful bandits got away with \$75 from a South Torrance liquor store Thursday evening.

Mrs. Patricia R. Campisi, owner of a liquor store at 3614 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., told police she was sitting on a stool near the cash register when one of the youths

walked into the store about 6 o'clock.

The youth walked back and forth several times, she said, then pulled a .38-calibre automatic and told her, "This is a hold up. Give me all the money in the cash register or I'll kill you."

Mrs. Campisi, who said the youth was of Mexican descent, said she tried to talk with

him in Spanish, but was told—in Spanish—to "shut up."

She gave the gunman about \$75 in currency and he left the store. A second youth—also of Mexican descent—was waiting in a car, she told police.

Both men were 19 or 20, she said. The gunman had curly hair and wore a beige sweater and light brown pants.

16-Year-Old Screams at Man in Room

A slim, mustachioed man was being sought by Torrance police yesterday on an attempted rape charge after he told a 16-year-old girl wanted "to make love."

The girl told police she awoke about 4 a.m. yesterday and saw the man standing near a dresser in her bedroom. The man lay down on the bed beside her, she said. When she told the intruder to stop, he left the room. The girl then called for her mother, asleep in an adjoining bedroom and the intruder fled.

Police said the man apparently entered the apartment through a kitchen window

Coed Receives College Honor

Linda Faia, daughter of Mrs. William Faia of 34 W. 182nd St., is among freshmen to receive Honorary Entrance at Lutheran College in Thousand Oaks. Graduate of North Hills School, she participated GAA and forensics.

Surfboard Taken

A surfboard valued at \$150 was taken from his garage Friday night, Branson Manville of 21418 Ladeene Ave. told police. Manville said the burglar opened the garage door, took the surfboard, then closed the garage door.

Ministers Granted Delay

A delay in entering pleas to charges of violating state corporation law and a charge of grand theft was granted Thursday to leaders of the defunct Cup of Cold Water Ministry which had been quartered in the Hermosa Biltmore Hotel. Dr. C. T. (Kelly) Walberg, who is free on his own recognizance, and the Rev. Wayne R. Davidson, who has posted \$1,100 bail, will return to court Aug. 16 for an inquiry into the validity of the indictments returned against them by a grand jury early last month. Superior Court Judge Arthur Alarcon granted the hearing on the petition of attorneys for Dr. Walberg.

Zappp!! Batman Foiled

Batman has some explaining to do. Eight-year-old Rocky Garth, of 22429 Anza Ave., reported his bicycle stolen Friday. He told police someone took the bicycle from the front lawn at his home late Thursday evening. He said the bicycle is blue and had a "Batman" protection sticker on it.

Vandals Damage Window

Vandals using a B-B gun pumped five shots through a plate glass window at the Dawes Realty Co., 2430 W. Torrance Blvd., police were told Friday. The incident apparently occurred late Thursday evening. A spokesman for the firm estimated damages at \$130.